

Remarks and Arguments

Applicants have amended all allowable claims per the Examiner's Office Communication dated February 14, 2005 and the Board's decision of September 24, 2004. It is believed that the present application is now in allowable condition and allowance is respectfully requested.

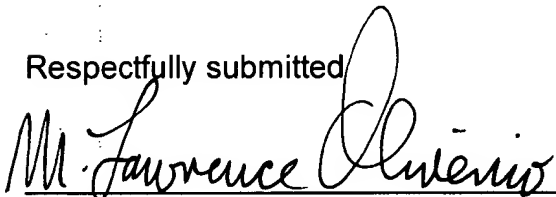
It is noted that because original allowable dependent claim 6 has been merged into claim 1, original allowable claim 6 is now withdrawn because it is redundant with claim 1.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the present application and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the present amendments and remarks.

If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would expedite resolution of any matter with regard to the present Application, the examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. If any fees beyond the fees submitted concurrently with this Amendment and Response are required for any reason, all such fees may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted



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